

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPS SUBCOM ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE**

**Call to Order:** Chair Randy Brodehl, on January 30, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317A  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Randy Brodehl, Chair (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch  
Alex Gray, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:** Hearing on Judicial Branch budget

**JUDICIAL BRANCH**

00:00:04 Chair Brodehl  
00:00:59 Greg Dewitt, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:03:35 Chair Brodehl  
00:03:49 Chief Justice Mike McGrath, Montana Supreme Court  
00:10:47 Rep. Dudik joined meeting  
00:10:58 Chief Justice Mike McGrath, Montana Supreme Court

**COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

00:18:46 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator, Montana Supreme Court  
**EXHIBIT(jch21a01)**

00:31:56 Rep. Dudik  
00:32:22 Chair Brodehl  
00:32:39 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
00:34:53 Rep. Dudik  
00:35:01 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
00:36:58 Chair Brodehl  
00:37:09 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
**EXHIBIT(jch21a02)**

00:45:59 Sen. Howard  
00:46:05 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
00:46:33 Rep. Patelis  
00:46:52 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
00:48:00 Chair Brodehl  
00:48:28 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
00:49:56 Rep. Dudik

00:50:52 Recess  
01:05:06 Reconvene

01:05:12 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
**EXHIBIT(jch21a03)**

01:09:03 Chair Brodehl  
01:09:16 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
01:20:19 Rep. Dudik  
01:20:38 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
01:26:03 Rep. Patelis  
01:26:52 Sen. Wolken  
01:27:06 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
01:28:34 Sen. Wolken  
01:29:10 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
01:30:02 Sen. Wolken  
01:30:26 Chair Brodehl  
01:31:13 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
01:37:21 Greg Dewitt, LFD

01:37:38 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

01:38:30 Greg Dewitt, LFD

01:39:02 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

[EXHIBIT\(jch21a04\)](#)

01:41:45 Chair Brodehl

01:42:14 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

01:45:38 Chair Brodehl

01:46:26 Ed Bartlett, Montana Judges Association, State Bar of Montana

01:48:49 Recess

01:59:41 Reconvene

#### **CLERK'S OFFICE**

02:00:01 Clerk Ed Smith, Montana Supreme Court

02:05:00 Chair Brodehl

02:05:31 Clerk Ed Smith, Montana Supreme Court

02:06:47 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

02:08:10 Chair Brodehl

02:08:15 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

02:08:34 Rep. Dudik

#### **STATE LAW LIBRARY**

02:08:54 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

02:11:51 Sarah McClain, Director State Law Library

[EXHIBIT\(jch21a05\)](#)

02:16:16 Chair Brodehl

02:16:37 Sarah McClain, State Law Library

02:19:15 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

02:20:31 Sarah McClain, State Law Library

#### **WATER COURT**

02:21:20 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

02:22:12 Judge McElyea, Water Court

02:32:40 Chair Brodehl

02:33:17 Judge McElyea, Water Court

02:34:27 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

02:38:11 Rep. Patelis

02:39:04 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

02:40:21 Chair Brodehl

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:  
02:40:34

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Alex Gray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jch21aad.pdf](#))